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For: Method for treatment of tissue

Examiner: Sweet, Thomas

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 30, 2008. This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) for the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration the following amendments and remarks. The present submission is timely filed with a request for a three month extension of time and authorization to charge the requisite fees.

Also accompanying the present communication is a Declaration under 1.132, the entry and consideration of which is respectfully requested.

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